

1985 IN MEMORIAM

Charles H. "Chuck" Kurtz

Chuck Kurtz, the Capitol Restoration Project Manager for the Joint Venture General Contractor, Continental Heller-Swinerton & Walberg, died in 1985 at the age of 67.

As the senior person on site fulltime, Kurtz was a much respected and loved mentor for the younger engineers, coaching them in his famously brief business letters and thoroughly analyzing project cost reports. Kurtz was a civil engineer and loyal alumnus of Ohio State University.

Kurtz was born in 1918. During WWII, he served as an officer in the Seabees, the Navy's Construction Battalions. He was later recalled to active duty for the Korean conflict. Kurtz had worked on major building projects around the U.S. On the Capitol Restoration Project, Kurtz personally stepped outside his experience to do the research needed to order manufactured specialty materials not used in decades and to oversee specialty artisan workers.